

S-119
Liberia M.E. Church
Hudson's Corner vicinity
public worship

Organized 1867, 1912

According to the date plaque, the Liberia Methodist Episcopal congregation was formed two years after the close of the Civil War. The extant church, evidently the second building to house the congregation, was erected in 1912 with a simplified Gothic Revival design. Dominating the southeast corner is the three-story bell tower that also contains the double door entrance. The rectangular sanctuary is lighted by pointed arch colored glass windows on the first floor, and a small round window pierces the upper gable.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-119

Magi No. 2001194708

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Liberia M.E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West Side of Burnettsville Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Hudson's Corner ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Liberia M.E. Church

street & number Burnettsville Road telephone no.:

city, town Marion state and zip code Maryland 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Liberia M.E. Church Description

The Liberia M.E. Church stands on the west side of Burnettsville Road .25 of a mile south of Green Road near Hudson's Corner, Somerset County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces east.

Built in 1912, the weatherboard frame church is underpinned by a brick pier foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Rising on the southeast corner is a three-story bell tower topped by a pyramidal roof.

The east (main) elevation is eight bays across with the entrance located in the southeast tower bay. A double door is topped by a pointed arch triangular multi-pane transom. The second level of the tower is filled with a small round window with pie-shaped colored glass lights. Above the small round window the tower tapers to the bellfry, which is capped by a wood shingle pyramidal roof. Four arched openings, one on each side, pierce the bellfry walls. The main body of the church is marked by four multi-pane sash windows with pointed arch surrounds. Attached to the north gable end is a slightly shorter two-bay addition comprised of a single multi-pane sash window and a side door. A shed addition extends from the north gable end. A stuccoed brick stove stack rises from the east slope of the steeply pitched roof with its extended eaves and exposed rafter feet.

The south gable end is distinguished by an off-center multi-pane sash window with a pointed arch surround and a small round window with pie-shaped panes that pierce the upper gable. The south face of the tower has a paired pointed arch window on the first floor and an identical round window that lights the upper level. The marble 1912 datestone is fixed in the southeast corner of the tower and dates this building as well as the 1867 date of the former church.

The west side of the church is essentially the same as the east side with four multi-pane sash windows that light the sanctuary. Another brick stove stack rises from the west side. Temporarily attached to the west side of the building is a rectangular single-width pre-fab building.

The interior of the church was not open on the first visit.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1912

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Liberia M.E. Church is a well preserved early twentieth-century frame church. The basic rectangular church lighted by Gothic arched colored glass windows is a repeated architectural form throughout the county. The pyramidal roofed bell tower is also a common feature, but unlike many of the others, this tower has not been reduced in size with the removal of the bellfry. According to the datestone the Liberia congregation was formed in 1867, when apparently, a first building was erected.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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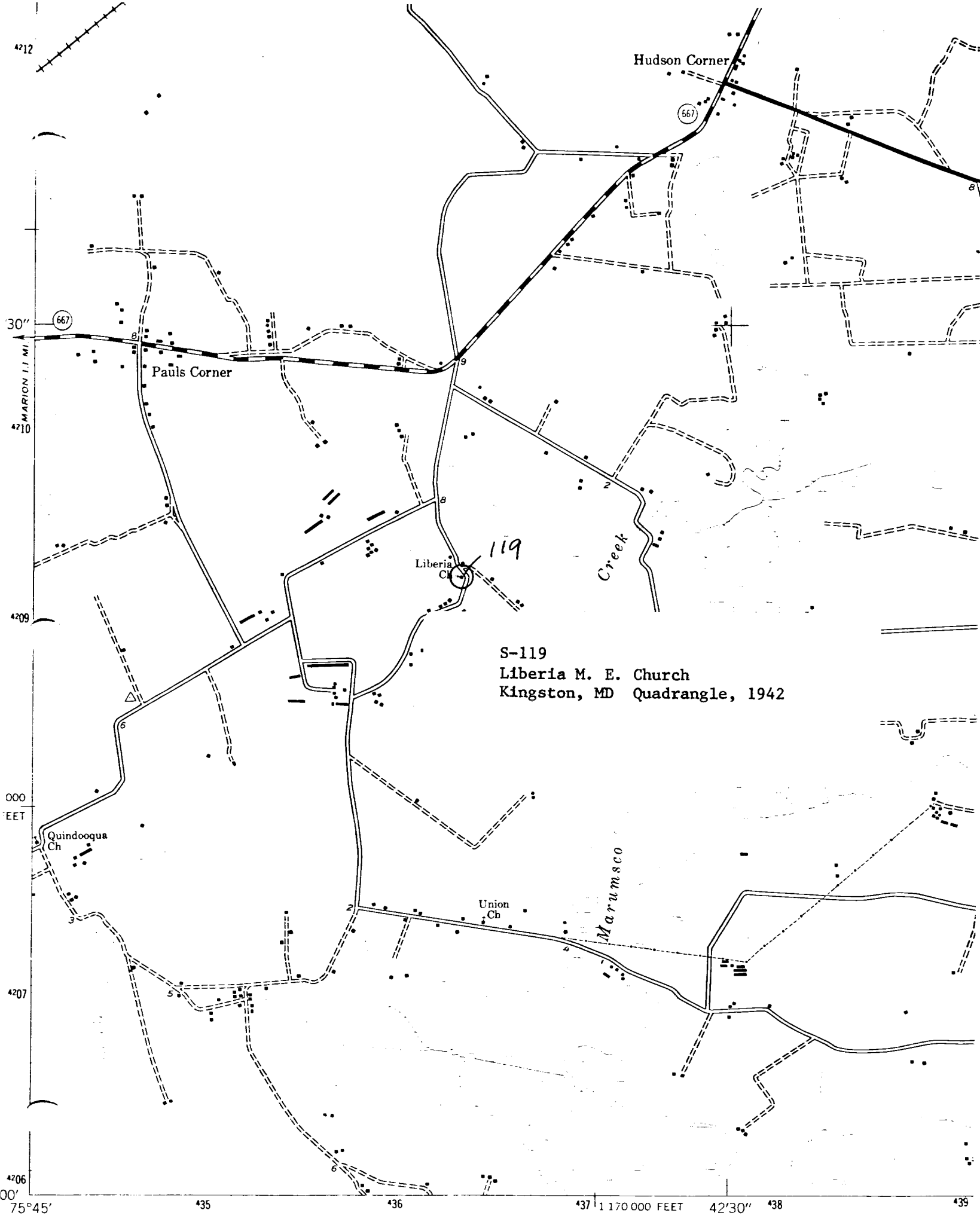
city or town Princess Anne

state Maryland 21853

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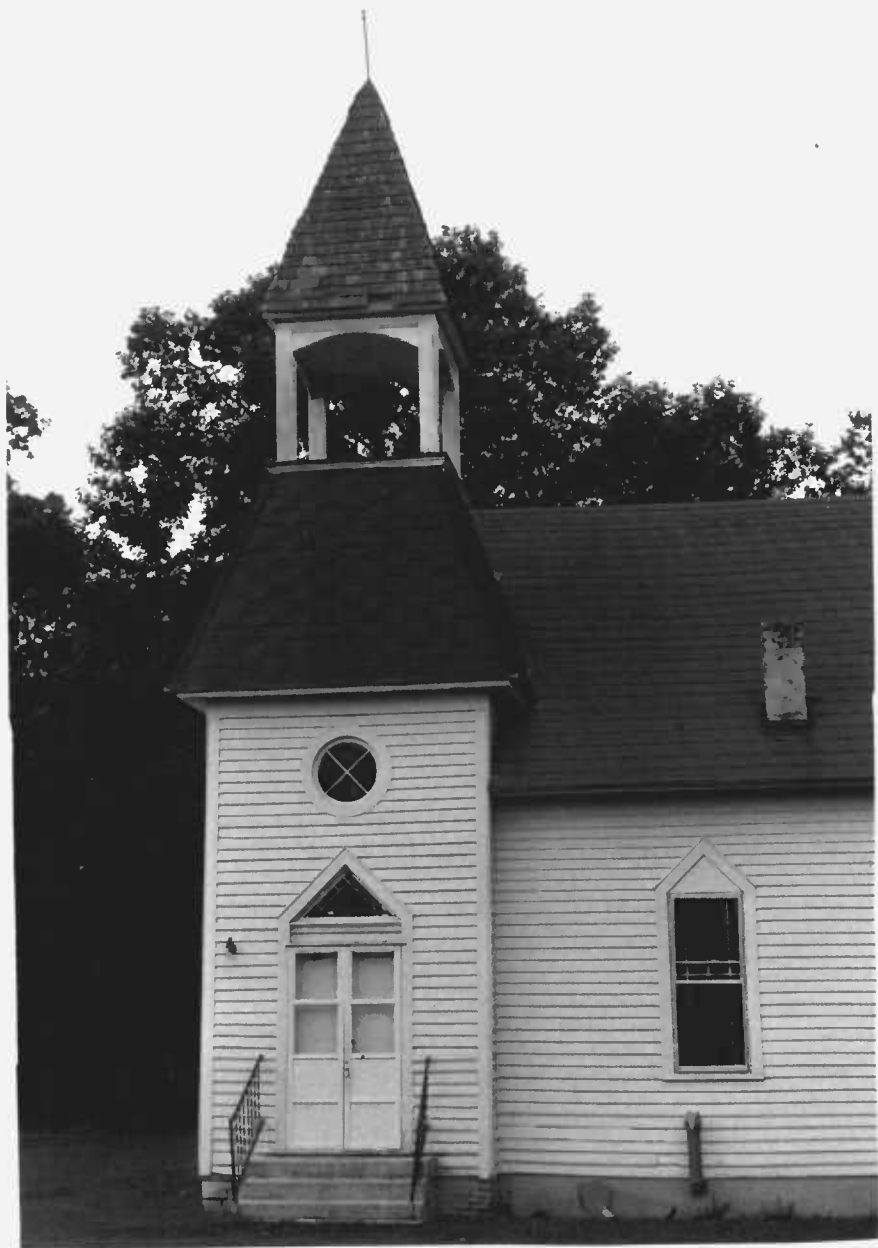
South Elevation

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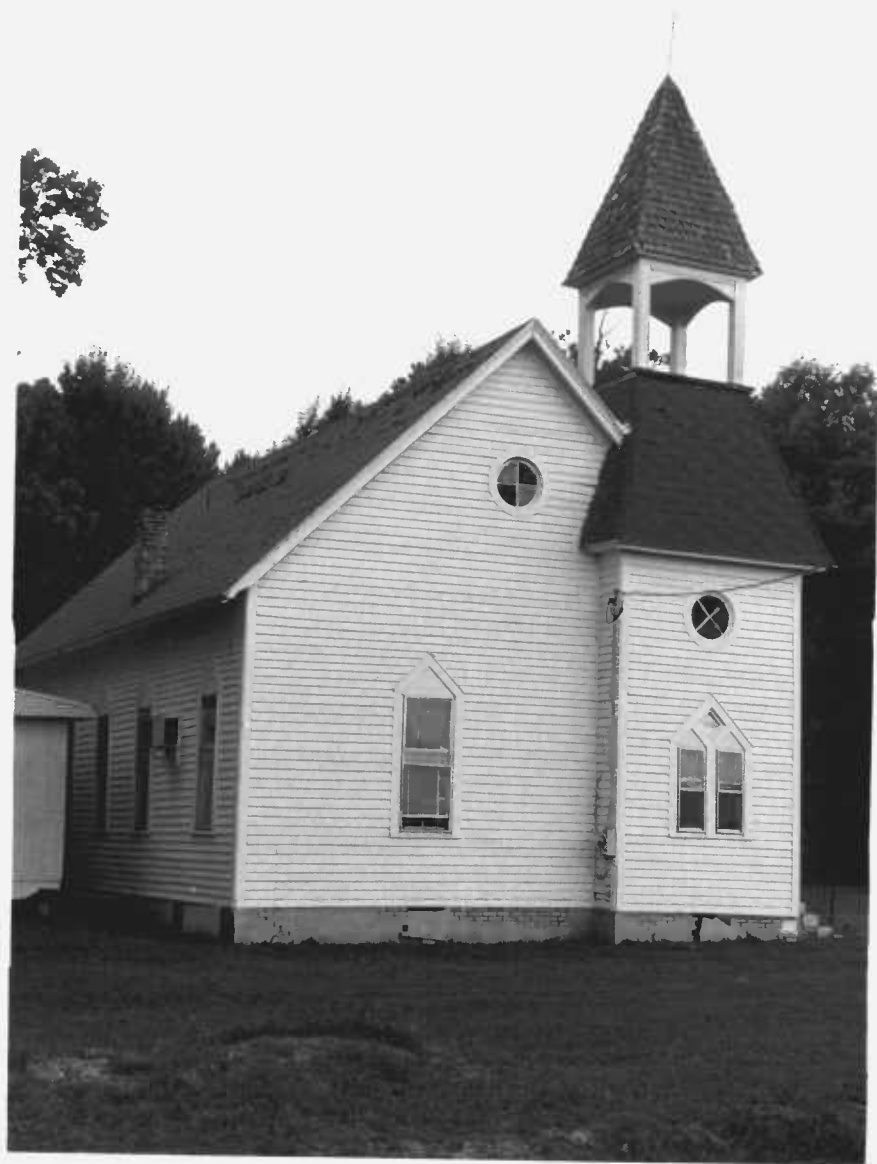
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